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Dr. Meredith F. Burrill
Executive Secretary
U.S. Board on Geographic Names
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 21 December 1948 regarding the distribution to be given to preliminary gazetteers.

The fundamental purpose of these preliminary gazetteers is to make available as soon as may be standard geographic name lists to the various NIS contributors for their use in the production of the NIS.

In view of the inherent intelligence nature of these preliminary gazetteers as a necessary element of the NIS Program and because they are still tentative and subject to revision, it is considered necessary at this time to restrict their dissemination generally to those activities participating in the NIS Program.

It is anticipated that general government requirements will be satisfied by the final NIS Gazetteer, which should be published sometime after its related NIS is completed. Moreover, it is intended to declassify these gazetteer name lists as security permits. This would enable the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to release this material to the public.

Forty-five of the 126 individuals and agencies contained in the set of cards which you transmitted to this office are participating in the NIS Program and will receive preliminary gazetteers. The remainder will normally receive only the final NIS Gazetteer, unless they indicate valid intelligence requirements for the preliminary gazetteer.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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